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Senick performed "The Way You Look Tonight" during the final competition.

Glenn Aerospace Engineer Wins Federal Idol Contest

"Old blue eyes" is back! No, not Frank Sinatra—Paul Senick, Glenn's Ares I Avionics project manager who was inspired to perform again after a 7-year hiatus. Senick competed and took first place in the North Coast Combined Federal Campaign's (CFC) Federal Idol contest on Jan. 15.

Last summer, Senick and Dr. Dan Paxson, a member of Glenn's Controls and Dynamics Branch, joined federal employees from several states in auditioning for the inaugural Federal Idol contest held at sites in Cleveland and Akron, and Erie, Penn. Senick and Paxson each earned a spot as one of the Top 20 Finalists.

Glenn's Michael Goin, executive director, Cleveland Federal Executive Board, conceived the idea of mimicking the popular TV show "American Idol" to attract participation for the 2008 campaign.

"Federal Idol helped us to reach more people, provided a venue for charitable agencies to share their message with a larger audience and gave some very talented individuals a chance to share their passion for music," Goin said.

Senick and Paxson participated in a variety of CFC Federal Idol promotional events, photo sessions and rehearsals

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Human Resource Issues? Here's Who To Call

How do I add a staff member? What is my job classification? When can I retire? What if I have labor relations issues? Who do I call?

Glenn's Human Capital Management Division (HCMD) has restructured a significant portion of their organization to help employees get answers to these and other questions relating to human resource issues. The reorganization is designed around the theme of "one-stop shopping," where each customer has one point of contact.

"Our human resource 'specialists' have become 'generalists' whereby they will become proficient consultants in all areas of human resources management, such as staffing, classification, compensation and employee and labor relations," explained HCMD Chief Carol Wessel. "Customers simply call or email their point of contact with any question relating to human resources. The point of contact will then handle the issue or pass it on to a more appropriate person."

HCMD's goal is to become a customer-valued strategic business partner by supporting Glenn and the agency in recruiting, developing and retaining a world-class workforce.

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Raising Glenn to Rank of Best Performer



Debra Watson
CFO

The Office of the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) ensures that Glenn's financial control and reporting processes are legally sound as we manage, safeguard and account for the center's resources and assets. To advance our customer-centric values and meet changing work demands as a leader in space flight systems, the CFO management team recently reengineered business processes in two critical areas: (1) project financial information and reporting tools and (2) communication and teamwork. As a result, the center has made significant improvements in these areas.

Improving Project Financial Information and Reporting Tools

The CFO office has developed new tools and business processes to strengthen the center's business practices.

•Project Management Tool (PMT)

We have exceeded our customers' expectations thanks to the PMT, a Web-based financial information and project status application that delivers real-time financial data directly from NASA's accounting system. Similar to the concept of "online" banking, Glenn managers review actual expenditures and reconcile expenditures against forecasts resulting in more accurate reporting, appropriate dollar realignments, timely expenditures and prevention of cost overruns.

•Phasing Plan Business Process Improvement

Implementing an improved center phasing plan process established monthly expenditure reviews led by the Deputy Center Director, which resulted in a vastly improved cost planning and estimates program.

Improving Communication and Teamwork

Our office developed a framework to improve CFO organization interfaces with other teams. By engaging CFO management staff in a dialogue with whom they support vertically and horizontally both at the center and agency levels, the framework matrix has identified information needs and key budget/financial processes requiring improved integration.

•Monthly Status Reviews

The CFO organization firmly established its leadership role in implementing monthly project reviews where specific project information such as the status of

actions, metrics achieved and pending issues is discussed.

•Budget Integration Team

The CFO Team established a new Budget Integration Team of key centerwide budget and programmatic focal points. This has helped the CFO staff build closer working relationships with financial staffs at NASA Headquarters.

Agency Accolades

The success of the PMT application has generated a great amount of interest as several NASA centers have asked for the Glenn CFO Team's assistance in implementing the tool for their customers. Additionally, Glenn increased its expenditure rate by more than 8 percent and achieved 100 percent use of our limited center operations funding. This effort catapulted Glenn into the ranks of the best performing centers for effectively using monies received.

The CFO organization is working hard to provide the center with improved business processes that will keep Glenn competitive for years to come.

HCMD Focuses on its Customers

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Wessel said, "Simply put, we believe this reorganization will bring us closer to the HCMD vision—'Our customers brag about our service.'"

The other two branches—the Strategic Human Capital Solutions and Human Capital Development Branch—have essentially remained the same. However, the Human Capital Development Branch has made some changes to become more effective and efficient in delivering employee and organizational development services to their customers.

—BY DOREEN B. ZUDELL
and RICK BAILER

Who Do I Call?

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D: Toni Cosari, 3-8017

E and X: Lynda Glover, 3-2463

Supervisor: Cindy Foreman, 3-2992

B: Anita Arnold, 3-8658

G and S: Jerry Traster, 3-3649

R: Kim Davis, 3-3067

V: Dave Bassi, 3-2500

Supervisor: Tracy McClough, 3-5077

Propelling Glenn Forward: Our Center Directors

Dr. Sharp Saw Employees as Center's Key Asset

This is the first in a series of articles spotlighting NASA Glenn's center directors.

Although NASA Glenn's first director, Dr. Edward R. Sharp, did not hold a technical degree, he charted the course of the center's early construction and testing. Along the way, his ability to lead and empower others earned him the respect and affection of those in and outside of the agency.

A native of Virginia, Sharp joined the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics (NACA) at Langley in 1922, after retiring from the Navy as lieutenant colonel. In a short time, while also earning a law degree, Sharp became second in command as chief administrative officer. He served in that position from 1925 to 1940.

He came to Cleveland in 1941 as the construction manager of the new Aircraft Engine Laboratory, which was changed to Lewis Research Center in 1958 and renamed Glenn Research Center at Lewis Field in 1999. Sharp served as the first manager when the Laboratory began operation in 1942. He was named director in 1947 and remained at the helm until his retirement in 1960.

Sharp had an amiable and gracious style of management, and he created an atmosphere that encouraged cooperation among his staff. He frequently left his office to visit the shops and laboratories

to talk with employees and thank them for their efforts. Sharp's wife, Vera, who died in 2000, was considered the center's unofficial hostess to many foreign dignitaries and renowned scientists.

Sharp's legal skills helped him negotiate contracts and run the day-to-day business activities, but he left the technical decisions to the engineers. In this role, he served as the catalyst for technological advancements by providing workers with the equipment, money and space they needed to perform their work. He instituted the center's first apprentice program, which produced outstanding technicians in the areas of mechanical, electronic and electrical support.

Under Sharp's leadership, facilities such as the Flight Research Building (Hangar), Engine Research Building, Altitude Wind Tunnel, Icing Research Tunnel and Fluid and Lubricants Building were erected to achieve technological goals. One building in particular—Building 15—stands as a legacy to Sharp's management style. Built around 1943, the building had many uses prior to installation of a cafeteria in the 1950s. It was renamed the Edward R. Sharp Employee Center in 1991 as part of NASA Lewis' 50th Anniversary celebration, to reflect Sharp's belief that employees were the main ingredient to success.

Sharp's commitment to technological innovation earned him a reputation as an authority on aviation facilities and testing. Consequently, he received many technical



Dr. Edward "Ray" Sharp

honors through professional associations and universities. In 1947, he received the U.S. Medal of Merit, which was presented on behalf of President Truman. He sat on many boards and commissions for the City of Cleveland as well.

When Sharp died in 1961, Acting Director of Lewis, Eugene Manganiello, eulogized the center's first director.

"The highly trained and highly motivated staff constitute the most significant contribution Ray has made to the business; they represent the most valuable legacy he leaves us," Manganiello said.

Another lesser-known Sharp legacy is a folder at the bottom drawer of his file cabinet entitled "Orchid File." It contained positive notes and articles about the Laboratory. On days when problems were pressing and he was feeling discouraged, he would reach for the file. After just moments of reading the file contents, he would begin chuckling to himself, his normal good spirits restored and his belief in NASA—and its people—renewed.

—BY DOREEN B. ZUDELL

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This photograph shows Dr. Sharp with other notable men at the Laboratory's Initiation of Research ceremony in May 1942. From left to right: Ernest Whitney, Carl Kemper, Edward Chamberlin, Dr. George Lewis, John Victory, Dr. Sharp and Henry Reid.

Wanted: Apollo Memories

The *AeroSpace Frontiers* newsletter will be recognizing the 40th anniversary of the Apollo 11 mission, the first moon landing, this year. We're looking for Lewis-Glenn employees and retirees who would like to share their experiences/contributions to the mission. If you would like to participate, please contact Doreen Zudell, editor, at 216-433-5317, Doreen.B.Zudell@nasa.gov.

Observance Showcases Heritage

NASA Glenn's 2009 Black History Month Observance on Feb. 5 offered a variety of venues for employees to celebrate African-American heritage and contributions. Sponsored by Glenn's Black Womens Advisory Group (BWAG), the event featured NASA Assistant Associate Administrator Christyl Johnson. Her keynote address, "The Quest for Black Citizenship in the Americas," centered on the historical plight of African-Americans and the dawn of a new day in America. Barbara Eady of the Cleveland Association of Black Storytelling, Inc., shared the African oral tradition of storytelling and Lancer Foster, Inlet and Nozzle Branch, presented spoken word poetry. Participants also enjoyed authentic art, clothing, jewelry and cuisine.



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Pictured, left to right: Office of Equal Opportunity Programs Robert Romero, Dr. Whitlow, Johnson and BWAG Chairperson Danielle Griffin.



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Remembering Our Heroes

During the agency's "Day of Remembrance," Jan. 29, Glenn employees paid tribute to the crews of Apollo 1, Challenger and Columbia, and other members of the NASA family who lost their lives in pursuit of space flight. Jeff Woytach, Systems Integration Branch, presented an inspiring video focusing on those who "assumed great risk in their service to all humanity. . . and as a result of extraordinary effort have come to be known as heroes of space flight." Woytach repeated his presentation for the public on Feb. 7. Visitors participated in the memorial and browsed the human space flight gallery interacting with the Mission Support Center console and the Combustion Module-2 Crew Trainer used by and later dedicated to the Columbia crew.

Lunch with the Director

On Feb. 9 Center Director Dr. Woodrow Whitlow Jr. kept an important date with the top four winners of the Fun Facts Contest held during the Center Holiday Reception. The winners enjoyed their prize, lunch with Director Whitlow, at Wild Mango Restaurant. Richard Cavicchi, Aeropropulsion Division, took first place answering correctly 15 of 23 trivia questions designed to determine how well employees know Glenn management. Tracy Stidham, SGT/Power and In-Space Propulsion Division; Anne Kelly, Office of the Director; and Maureen Messich, Facilities and Test Directorate, finished in a three-way tie with 13 correct answers. Seated, left to right: Cavicchi, Stidham, Kelly, Messich and Whitlow.



Photo by Lori Manthey

Glenn Earns Triple Crown

Glenn's record-breaking 2008 Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) earned three awards at the North Coast CFC Awards Ceremony on Jan. 15. The center's CFC Chairwoman Gloria Richards, Co-Chairman Rick Reames and CFC Loaned Executive Fred Holland presented the awards to Center Director Dr. Woodrow Whitlow and Deputy Center Director Ray Lugo during the Feb. 10 Director's Leadership Team meeting. The awards include the 100% of Goal Award, for organizations who attained or exceeded 100 percent of their campaign goal; the Directors' Award for Excellence, for outstanding leadership and support of the 2008 campaign; and the Chairperson Award, selected by the North Coast CFC Chair and Vice Chair, based on the Loaned Executive team's narratives of superb campaign effort for the Superlarge category. Pictured, left to right: Lugo, Holland, Reames, Richards and Whitlow.



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Storm Appears on "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire"



Roger Storm, an Oklahoma State University employee who supports the Educational Programs Office, appeared as a contestant on "Who Wants to be a Millionaire" on Feb. 23 and 24. As a coordinator in the Digital Learning Network, Storm conducts interactive videoscreen conferences with classrooms across the United States on topics such as asteroids, Apollo missions and how airplanes fly. During his time in the Millionaire hot seat, Storm used his "phone a friend" lifeline to call NASA Glenn co-worker Tom Benson, Inlet and Nozzle Branch, who helped Storm correctly answer the \$50,000 question. In the end, Storm won \$250,000 on the show. Congratulations, Roger!

LESA Collects Clothing for Homeless

The Lewis Engineers and Scientists Association (LESA) Union conducted its 3rd Annual Clothing Drive for the Homeless from Jan. 20–23 at NASA Glenn. More than 100 employees across the center donated 250 bags/boxes of adult and children's clothing and shoes. The items were collected in the upper cafeteria in cooperation with Acorn Food Services. Led this year by LESA member Paul Senick, the event yielded a significant increase over last year's 80 bags/boxes and more than doubled the first year's take of 120 bags/boxes. The donations filled a 24-foot rental truck and were taken to the City Mission in Cleveland. Pictured, left to right: Lynne Sammon, Lisa Ferenc, Dr. Afroz Zaman, Nang Pham, Paul Senick and Carolyn Hoover prepare donations for shipment.



Photo by Doreen Zudell

Valentine's Day Drawings



Hearts, flowers—and raffles—filled the air at NASA Glenn this Valentine's Day. Several organizations offered chances for employees to win sweet goodies.



Lewis Little Folks Valentine's Day Basket winner Susan Kevdzija, Facility Management & Planning Office, center, pictured with Director Maureen Sartain, left, and Assistant Director Carmella Genero, right. Proceeds from the raffle will support the school.



Rick Bressler won the The P3 (Plum Brook Party Planners) basket raffle. Pictured, left to right: P3 Committee members Charles (Skip) Bender, Larry Oppen, Anita Sharp-Dowell, Cindy Freeb, Bressler (basket winner), Carla Matthews, Anthony Romero and Glenn Cancilla. P3 plans events, such as holiday potlucks, summer picnics and chili cookoffs, to help build camaraderie among the Plum Brook staff.

Carrie Boll, Century Federal Credit Union, and Mark Roth, Call Henry Inc., each won a box of chocolates from Acorn Food Services. Acorn's Valentine's Day Give Away offered patrons free coupons to enter the drawings.



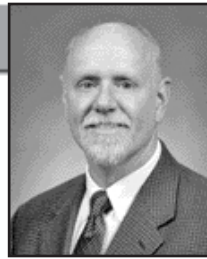
Boll



Roth with Carrie Podway, COTR for Acorn Food Services.

People

Duane Beach has been selected chief of the Thermal Systems Branch, Mechanical and Fluid Systems Division. Beach previously served as technical lead for the Orion Service Module radiator for Constellation managing hardware development and leading in-house radiator performance tests. Beach brings a wealth of experience gained over his 27-year career at Glenn including highlights such as performing system engineering and thermal analysis of the Atlas and Shuttle/Centaur vehicle components, analysis and test of International Space Station avionics and radiators and heat rejection technology development and testing for space solar dynamic and fission power systems. His work also has advanced technologies supporting lightweight composite radiators and titanium water heat pipes at Glenn.



Beach



Piszczor

Michael Piszczor has been selected chief of the Photovoltaic and Power Technologies Branch, Power and In-Space Propulsion Division. Piszczor has been a long-time member of the branch, and more recently was involved in solar array integration tasks for Orion while in the Engineering Directorate. He is internationally renown in the field of space photovoltaics and has influenced major NASA missions involving solar arrays. Piszczor was instrumental in the first operational use of refractive solar concentrator array technology on NASA's successful Deep Space 1 mission. Piszczor will be serving in this position for a 2-year term while Dr. Roshanak Hakimzadeh completes her Senior Executive Service Candidate Development Program training.

Nancy Hall has been selected Microgravity Science Glovebox associate project manager, ISS and Human Research Project Office. Hall assumes her new position following a detail as project manager for the Shear History Extensional Rheology Experiment (SHERE) and the Investigating the Structure of Paramagnetic Aggregates From Colloidal Emulsions (InSPACE-2).



Hall

Susan Motil (not pictured) has been selected Cryogenic Fluids Management project manager in the Advanced Capabilities Project Office. Motil manages a large multicenter team responsible for developing critical technologies enabling the NASA Exploration Program. She brings to the position significant experience both as a deputy and project manager with recent oversight for two of the largest, program-critical exploration technology development projects.

Three members of the Mechanics and Life Prediction Branch, Dr. Jonathan Salem, Dr. Pappu Murthy and Dr. Brad Lerch, received a NASA Engineering and Safety Center (NESC) Group Achievement Award for technical excellence. Salem was recognized for evaluating operational anomalies and reliability improvements associated with the Space Shuttle Engine Cut-Off systems as part of the Space Shuttle Program Engine Cut-Off System Investigation Team; Murthy for analysis and engineering guidance in the design, development and manufacturing of the ARES I-X Upper Stage Simulator as a member of the Ares I-X Upper Stage Simulator Critical Initial Flaw Size Analysis



Dr. Lerch



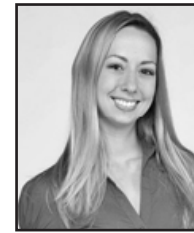
Dr. Murthy



Dr. Salem

Team; and Lerch for his efforts to develop, test and demonstrate solutions mitigating risks posed by ice liberating from the external tank as part of the Ice Mitigation Approaches for Space Shuttle External Tank Team.

Denisse Aranda, a student at Florida International University (FIU) and former NASA Undergraduate Student Research Program intern, was named FIU's 2008 McNair Scholar of the Year. The annual award honors



Aranda

the memory of Dr. Ronald E. McNair, a member of the fateful shuttle Challenger crew. It is awarded to the scholar "who best represents and embodies the spirit of McNair through academic excellence, research achievements and personal leadership." Notable among Aranda's accomplishments was her research in aerogels and publication of that work performed at Glenn, spring 2008. Dr. Frances Hurwitz, Structures and Materials Division, mentored Aranda.

Four members of the Sensors and Electronics Branch, Dr. Philip Neudeck, David Spry, J. Anthony Powell (SEST) and Andrew Trunek (OAI), have been awarded a U.S. Patent (US 7,449,065 B1) for "Method for the Growth of Large Low-Defect Single Crystals." The patent describes a radically improved process for mass-production growth of wide-bandgap semiconductor crystals, such as silicon carbide, gallium nitride, aluminum nitride and diamond that promise to enhance electronic performance and reliability for applications involving high-power, high-voltage and/or high-temperature operating conditions.

Dr. Robert Okojie, Sensors and Electronics Branch, has been awarded a U.S. Patent (US 7,438,030) for his work on a silicon carbide (SiC) based "Actuator Operated Microvalves."



Dr. Okojie

The microvalve consists of a moveable SiC diaphragm modulated by an electric field (i.e., voltage) to close or linearly open a metered flow of fluid through the actuator. This invention would be applicable to a distributed fuel-injection system for use in turbine combustors.

Summer Tours

NASA Glenn's Visitor Center will offer a free, 1-hour tour of a test facility one Saturday each month from April-Oct. Guided tours will depart from the Visitor Center (VC) auditorium.

The tour dates and facilities scheduled include: Apr. 4: Ares I-X Manufacturing Facility; May 16: AeroAcoustic Propulsion Laboratory; June 6: The Flight Research Building (Hangar); July 18: Glenn research facilities that contributed to the Apollo missions, in honor of the Apollo XI anniversary. (Admission for this tour will be granted on a first come, first-served basis.); Aug. 1: The Zero Gravity Research Facility, used by researchers worldwide to study the effects of weightlessness; Sept. 5: Propulsion Systems Laboratory; Oct. 3: Simulated Lunar Operations Facility.

Tour space is limited so visitors should call 216-433-9653 to register up to a month in advance to guarantee admission.

Retirements

Lucille Rhodes, Educational Programs Office, retired on Jan. 31, 2009, with 34 years of Federal service.

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In Memory

Thomas W. Orange, 71, who retired in 1995 with 37 years of NASA service, died Nov. 3, 2008. Orange served as a research engineer in the Materials and Structures Division. He was a notable expert in fracture mechanics, the extensive test and analysis of various new materials applied to aerospace technology to predict the point of failure.



Orange

Norman B. Woleen, 93, who retired in 1980 with 18 years of service, was memorialized on Dec. 30, 2008. Woleen joined NASA following a career in private industry as an airbrush artist. He served as technical illustrator. Woleen also developed his own invention, a double-action pedal for a bicycle to aid the disabled who cannot bend their knees.

David L. McDaniels, 72, who retired in 1981 with 33 years of NASA service, died Jan. 12. McDaniels was a scientist in the Materials Division, where he worked on notable space projects such as the SP-100, a 100-kw Space Nuclear Reactor and the X-30 National Aero-Space Plane. He was an avid model airplane builder and collected military miniatures from the Napoleonic Period.

John R. Burns, 80, who retired in 1988 with 39 years of NASA service, died Jan. 14. Burns served in the Facilities Operations and Maintenance Division and returned to support the area under the Sverdrup contract for 5 more years after retiring. Burns maintained his ties to NASA Glenn through social activities with his colleagues.

Calendar

MARCH THIRD SATURDAY EVENT: On Saturday, March 21, the Visitor Center is hosting "Safety in the Skies." Visitors will learn how NASA's leading edge work provides safety in the skies by improving flight safety for pilots and passengers. Presentations begin at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Contact the Visitor Center at 216-433-9653 or log on to <http://www.nasa.gov/centers/glenn/events/vcevents/html>.

NASACOLLEGESCHOLARSHIPFUND APPLICATIONS: Applications for NASA's renewable scholarship (a maximum of \$8,000 over 6 calendar years) MUST be received at NASA Johnson no later than March 20, 2009. For additional information and the application, visit <http://nasapeople.nasa.gov/nasascholarship/index.htm>. POC: Lynne Sammon, 216-433-3952.

AFGE MEETING: AFGE Local 2182 will hold its next monthly membership meeting on Wednesday, April 4 at 5 p.m. at Denny's Restaurant, 25912 Lorain Road, North Olmsted.

AFGE/IFPTE MEETING: Local 28 will hold its next monthly membership meet-

ing on Wednesday, April 11 at noon in the Employee Center.

NASA SHOWCASE AT 2009 NAVY OPPORTUNITY FORUM: The Navy Opportunity Forum, June 8-10, Crystal City, Va., features a NASA Showcase highlighting 25 aeronautics and space communication Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR)-funded technologies developed by small businesses. NASA Glenn has entered into an agreement with the Navy to assist SBIR Phase 2 companies with identifying Phase 3 opportunities. The effort will demonstrate accelerated utilization of technologies funded by Glenn in the aeronautics and space communications areas. For more information, visit <http://www.navyopportunityforum.com/nasashowcase.php>.

In Appreciation

Thank you for the outpour of cards, emails and flowers at the sudden passing of my mom, Mae R. Craig. She would often brag, "My daughter and son-in-law (Kim) work at NASA." I've always shared her pride and, now, even more when I recall your support in my time of need. —Jenise and Kim Veris

Glenn Crooners Help Generate Giving

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over a 4-month period. Most of the contestants performed popular recordings of previously recorded commercial hits, but Senick also performed "Firedance," one of his own compositions.

Senick draws on significant singing experience dating back to high school and previously performing and recording modern rock and pop music with the "Advocates," a group of NASA musicians.



Photo by Doreen Zudell

Paxson singing at Glenn's CFC Agency Fair in September.

He also formed and led the band, "WISH," that opened twice for national acts at Blossom Music Center.

Paxson, however, claims no formal musical background. He just loves music, and singing in particular. His public performances have been limited to singing tenor in the church choir and with a small a cappella group called "The Pretty Good Quintet."

Paxson, who also served as CFC co-chairman for the Research and Technology Directorate and keyworker for his branch, said he entered the contest hoping that if he made any headway in the competition, Glenn might increase its CFC participation out of a sense of solidarity.

"It was amusing to see the look on the judges faces when I told them I was an engineer. Somehow, they just couldn't put the image of a geek and a crooner together," Paxson said. "Ironically, I found myself wanting to harmonize more than compete with the other singers. I thought it was a great event!"

While Senick was preparing for the Top 10 Mid-Term Eliminations, Paxson

gave Senick an instrumental version of Bobby Darins 'Beyond the Sea' to Senick. "If not for that great music behind me, I might not have advanced to the Top 5," Senick recalled. "Dan continually showed his support throughout the contest, despite elimination after the Top 20."



Senick

At the finals, Senick performed a flawless rendition of Sinatra's "The Way You Look Tonight" and then went on to do justice to John Lennon's "Imagine," despite the fact that the microphone began sliding down and forcing him to hover over it. His first-place prize included a 2-song demo CD, compliments of Jerry Bruno Productions, and a DVD of the Federal Idol Finals competition. Senick's music site is www.geocities.com/paulnwish.

"I've always found that a gift we all possess is in the joy of giving," Senick said. "Using my talents to promote the work of the North Coast agencies enabled me to revive a gift that had been put on a shelf for too long."

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